

MORNING WORSHIP

October 29, 2023

Half past Ten O' Clock

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

For All the Saints
Selwyn Handbells

arr. Dan R. Edwards

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 7:9-12

Leader: And I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number.
They were from every nation, tribe, people and language.
They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.
And they cried out with a loud voice:

People: Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Leader: And the angels fell face down before the throne and worshipped God, saying:

**People: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever.**

Leader: We remember the saints of every time and place who have shown us the love of God.
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.

All: Let us worship God with joy!

+*HYMN 730

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

GRAND ISLE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Psalm 37

Eternal God, we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. We are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth. We try to protect ourselves with arrogance and self-reliance, instead of faith and the gift of Your salvation. Our footsteps do not follow Your path of peace, instead we throw bombs and spray bullets. We weaponize Your Holy Word instead of striking against the sins we personally commit. Give us the courage and wisdom to drop our swords and bend the knee. You alone are our refuge in times of trouble, rescue us from evil so we may live as faithful ambassadors of Your Good News. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1:7-8

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*SUNG RESPONSE 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-17, pew Bible pg.1067

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES AND WORSHIP READINESS RECOGNITION

Immediately following the Message for Young disciples, younger children are invited to Children's Chapel.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 17:32-40, pew Bible pg. 258

SERMON

"The Right Weaponry"

Jacqueline E. Lapsley

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE and THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise.

With Isaiah the prophet, we give you thanks-

For the promise of Your heavenly banquet,

a feast of rich food and well-aged wine;

for the strength of Your steadfast love,

destroying the shroud of sin and shame;

for the gift of Your saving grace, our long-awaited day of deliverance.

Therefore, we rejoice in You, singing with the saints of every age.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory!

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: With Mary and Martha, we remember Jesus-

His liberating word and healing touch,

His saving death and life-giving resurrection,

His promised return and glorious realm.

People: And so in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks and seek to exhibit Your Reign of love and grace on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Leader: In union with Christ's offering for us, we live out the mystery of the faith we proclaim:

People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(During the prayers after each name is called, please proclaim our communion with the saints by responding,)

"Here with us! Alleluia!"

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE LOAF AND CUP

Please hold the elements until all are served so that we may commune in unison. All bread is gluten free.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Let Me Hide Myself in Thee"
Ivey Cherry, bass-baritone

arr. Craig Courtney

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jerusalem My Happy Home
Selwyn Handbells

arr. Linda R. Lamb

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*LITANY OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Revelation 7:12, 16-17

Holy One, all that we have comes from You. You bless our lives with the companionship of Your people, the freedom that comes from forgiveness of sin, the joy of thanksgiving for Earth and all its bounty. Turn us toward those in need, in the name of the One who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 326

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

Peals of Praise
Selwyn Handbells

Michael Tucker

*POSTLUDE

Lead On, O King Eternal

arr. David Lowe

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Selwyn Avenue is glad you are with us this morning. We welcome all visitors, celebrating God’s creativity in human diversity. We’d like to stay in touch with you! Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Please ask an usher if you need help locating the nursery, restrooms, changing tables, or large print hymnals.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church). New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

SAPC SESSION		
Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Ginny Burgin, Charlie Harris, Morgan Liles, Dick Metzler, Kurt Parbst, Samantha Phifer, Heather Risko, Ed Thomas, Andy Wertz; Youth Elder-Leader Roush	Grant Armistead, Jodie Bolewitz, Libby Guinan, Christy Horne, Hannah King, Roy Koppelman, Susan Lemmon, Tracie Northan, Bobby Yurkutat	Lori Burbank, Tate Hackman, Todd Muldrew, Adam Piacentino, Denise Pineno, Evan Sauda, Elizabeth Stearns, Caroline Thompson, Tina Weinberg